(ग) राज्य में उचित दर दुकानों के स्वामियों के विरुद्ध और क्या कार्यवाही की गई; और

(घ) सरकार ने भविष्य में इस राज्य में उचित दर दुकानों के स्वामियों द्वारा किये जाने वाले इस कदाचार को रोकने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Rise in prices of sugar

3538. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE;
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a good sugar cane season, the prices of sugar in the whole sale and retail markets have been increasing;

(b) if so, the details of the prices registered since January to July, 1993 month-wise; and

(c) whether there has been a proposal to exclude the middle and higher strata of society from the sale of public distribution system and if so, how far this proposal has affected a rise in sugar prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) After showing a rise upto May 1993 the sugar prices have shown stabilising to decline trend in the following months.

(b) The details of the prices registered since January to July is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXVIII, Annexure No. 50].

(c) The PDS is at present universal in character. A Committee comprising three Civil Supplies Ministers from States has submitted its reports on PDS. The report will be placed for the consideration of the PDS Advisory Committee.

Distribution of foodgrains through PDS

3539. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agriculture Ministry has pleaded for distribution of foodgrains through Public Distribution System to boost their production;

(b) if so, whether this proposal has been accepted by his Ministry; and

(c) what are the main reasons for not taking a final decision so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has been taking steps to procure foodgrains for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). The procurement of foodgrains ensures remunerative prices to farmers, takes care of food security needs of the country, helps in stablisation of market prices and ensures adequate availability for the PDS. Remunerative prices to farmers boosts agricultural production.